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Legislation Text

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Department of Transportation recommending the Board:
1) Authorize the Department of Transportation to proceed with ordering title reports and certified appraisals, enter into negotiations with the owners, or their designated representatives, and commence with the acquisition process for the Intersection Safety/Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project CIP 72196 along portions of Pleasant Valley Road and Oriental Street in Diamond Springs and the town of El Dorado, affecting the portions of the following subject parcels:
a) APN 331-112-012, El Dorado County Office of Education;
b) APN 097-020-051, Christopher G. Fusano, Trustee of the Fusano Family Revocable Trust dated February 12, 1980, as amended; and
c) APN 097-010-092, Julio Medina and Laurie Medina, husband and wife, as joint tenants; and
2) Appoint Tanna Reynoso, Associate Right-of-Way Agent (or designee) as the real estate negotiator on behalf of the County for said parcels.

FUNDING: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funds (47.1%), RSTP Exchange Funds (52.5%), and Road Fund (<1%). (Federal Funds)
DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND
Construction of the Intersection Safety/Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project (Project) will include installation of pedestrian crossings, warning signs, and speed feedback signs at various locations in Diamond Springs and the town of El Dorado. The construction activities are limited to the roadway footprint. Minor utility relocation may be needed to install pedestrian ramps and warning signs/feedback signs. Short-term traffic delays and lane closures are expected during construction. Minor ground disturbance is expected for the addition of and/or changes to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps and traffic signs/speed feedback signs within the roadway footprint.

The County needs to purchase Temporary Construction Easements, Public Utility Easements, and/or Fee Title from the above listed parcels for the Project. In order for the Department of Transportation (Transportation) to research title records and prepare for negotiations with the subject parcel owners, Transportation is requesting authorization from the Board to proceed with the acquisition process by the ordering and payment of title reports and certified appraisals for the land rights to be acquired.

Transportation is also requesting the Board authorize Transportation to enter into negotiations with the owners, or their designated representatives of the parcels listed herein as related to the Project and appoint Tanna Reynoso, Associate Right-of-Way Agent (or designee) as the real estate negotiator on behalf of the County.

ALTERNATIVES
The Board could choose to not appoint a real estate negotiator and therefore not acquire the necessary parcels, which would not allow the Project to proceed.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION
On December 17, 2019 (Item 54, 19-1750), this project was included and adopted as part of the 2019

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Book.

OTHER DEPARTMENT/AGENCY INVOLVEMENT
N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
This project has no Net County Cost. The cost for title reports and color-coded parcel maps is based on $600 per parcel. The total cost for the three title reports is $1,800. Funding for the Right of Way acquisition process is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program and will be provided by HSIP Federal funding and RSTP Exchange Funds through the El Dorado County Transportation Commission.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS
None.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT
This project will construct improvements that are vital to the County's Infrastructure and Public Safety goals by facilitating pedestrians circulating within this corridor and providing safe roads for the traveling public within the area.

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