

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 22, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM / KEVIN ORDWAY

SUBJECT: FORESTHILL ROAD BRIDGE AT THE NORTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER –
INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH# 2009072076)

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) with the required findings and mitigations for the Foresthill Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit project.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Foresthill Road Bridge was placed on the Mandatory Seismic Retrofit list by Caltrans in 1999 (see attached map). The project will retrofit the existing bridge, remove the existing paint and repaint the bridge, install a new catwalk system to facilitate required inspections and maintenance of the bridge and replace the bridge railing. Painting the Foresthill Bridge has been a separate project through the engineering and environmental stage. DPW proposed to combine the seismic and paint portions of the work and bid the project as a single construction contract. Construction is planned for spring of 2010.

The project does not propose to change the appearance of the bridge. The new paint color will be similar to the present color; and the seismic retrofit measures will not change the aesthetics of this high-profile bridge. Currently, the bridge has an open median between the two directions of traffic. The project proposes to fill the median and create more deck space in order to keep the bridge open to traffic during construction activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL

NEPA clearance for the seismic retrofit portion of the project was obtained with a Categorical Exclusion on July 22, 2009. A mitigated negative declaration was prepared for this project by the Placer County Department of Public Works on August 28, 2009 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Comments received during the public comment period have been incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration. Upon approval of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Notice of Determination will be processed.

NEPA clearance for the paint portion of the work was obtained with a Categorical Exclusion on April 23, 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for the construction phase of the seismic retrofit, paint project, and the addition of catwalks, is estimated to be \$70,000,000. The entire project is funded through the Federal HBP Program (88.53%) and with State of California Proposition 1B funds providing the (11.47%) match for the seismic portion and County Proposition 1B funds providing the 11.47% local match for the work not directly related to the seismic retrofit. Funding for construction of the project is included in the 2009/10 Fiscal Year Budget.

Attachments: Resolution
Location Map

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study &
Mitigation and Monitoring Plan is on File with the Clerk
of the Board for viewing.

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
PREPARED FOR THE FORESTHILL BRIDGE AT
THE NORTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER
SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT.

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____,
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the existing bridge on Foresthill Road over the North Fork of the American River has been determined to be structurally deficient, and

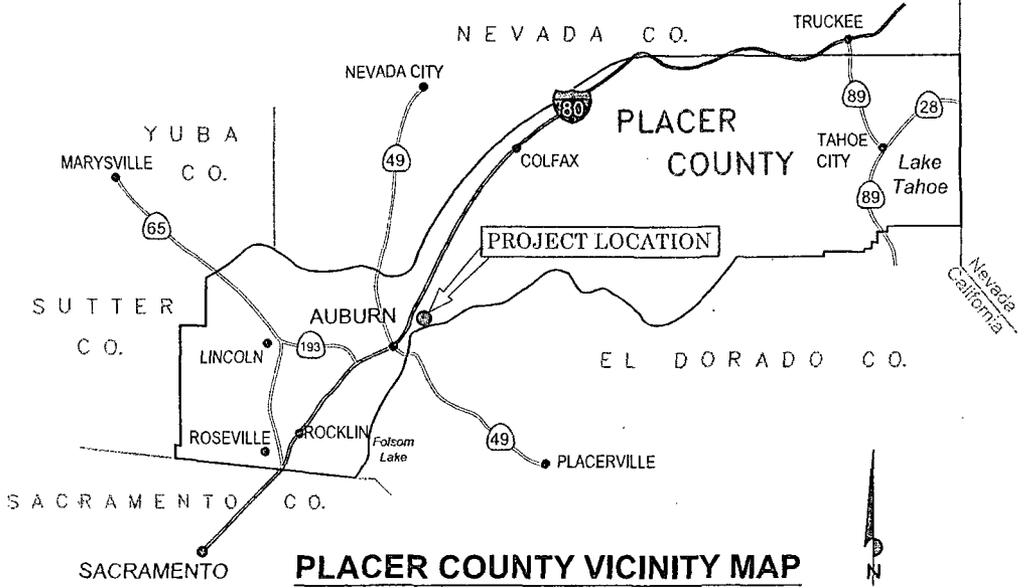
WHEREAS, a preliminary design for the project has been prepared by Placer County, and

WHEREAS, the design of the bridge retrofit is consistent with the California Department of Transportation and Placer County Standards; and

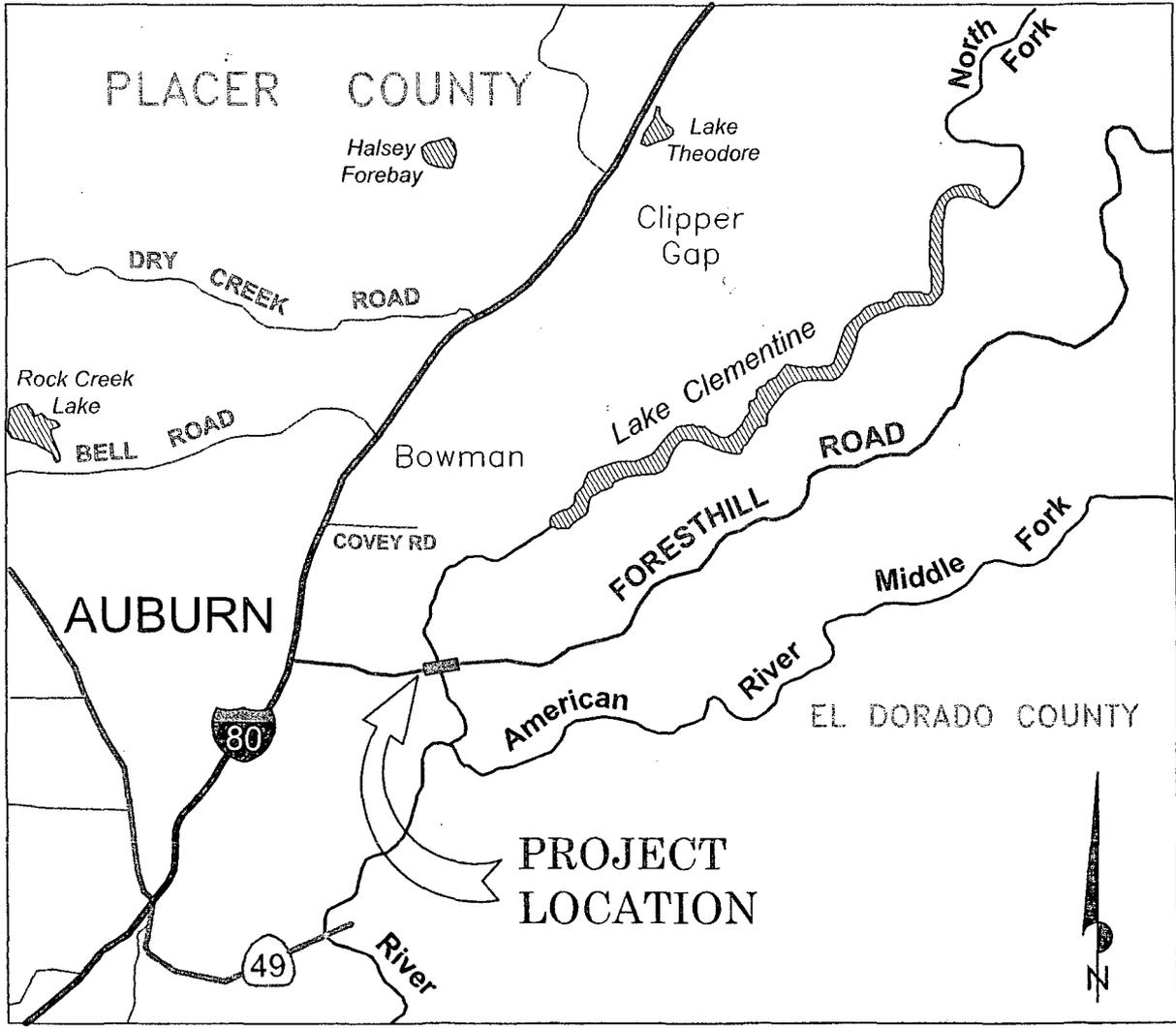
WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration, circulated it as required by law and included all necessary measures to mitigate any significant impacts of the project.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board Approves the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH# 2009072076) for the Foresthill Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project and make the following findings:

1. The mitigated negative declaration has been prepared as required by law.
2. There is no substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the Project as revised and mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The mitigated negative declaration as adopted for the Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Placer County, which has exercised overall control and direction of its preparation.
4. The mitigation plan / mitigation monitoring program prepared for the project is approved and adopted.
5. The custodian of records for the Project is the Placer County Planning Director, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.



PLACER COUNTY VICINITY MAP
NO SCALE



FORESTHILL BRIDGE PROJECT LOCATION MAP
NO SCALE

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