

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: February 28, 2012
FROM: KEN GREHM ^{KG}
SUBJECT: **AUBURN-FOLSOM WIDENING PROJECT – APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC
IMPACT FEE PROGRAM FUNDING**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing transfer of up to \$7,700,000 in current Countywide Impact Fee fund balance to augment Granite Bay Fee District Funds and South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA) funds for the north phase of the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project estimated to cost \$7,700,000.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Auburn-Folsom Widening project will widen Auburn Folsom Road from two lanes to four lanes from Fuller Drive to the Sacramento County Line to handle rapidly increasing traffic between the Folsom area, Granite Bay, and Roseville. The City of Folsom has constructed a corresponding widening south of the County Line to Folsom Dam Road and opened a new bridge below Folsom Dam. The County's project has been divided into three phases: North Phase (Douglas Blvd. to approximately 1500' south of Eureka Road), South Phase (County Line to approximately 1500' north of Oak Hill Drive, substantially completed) and Middle Phase (1500' north of Oak Hill Drive to 1500' south of Eureka Road). Also, as a smaller phase of this project, a signal was installed at Auburn-Folsom Road and Fuller Drive in 2006.

The proposed improvements for the construction of the North Phase include: widen Auburn-Folsom Road to 4 lanes from approximately Ann Place to Fuller Drive, construct drainage improvements, a new crossing over Linda Creek and replace the San Juan Water District water line through the project area. With approval of a finance package and right-of-way acquisition, construction could commence as early as Summer 2012.

The Granite Bay District of the County's fee program currently has \$5.4M programmed for the Widening Project and a nominal cash balance after construction of the middle phase of the project. The Auburn-Folsom Widening project is also programmed to receive \$8M from the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA). SPRTA has tentatively planned to reimburse the County for \$3M in Auburn-Folsom Road Widening efforts beginning in 2014/15 at a rate of \$1M/year. The current county-wide traffic impact fee program has approximately \$37.2M in fund balance spread over 11 districts (see Attachment A). Since many of the highest priority fee program projects are very expensive, it may take many years before any individual district will collect adequate funds for construction of a district project. In this case Auburn-Folsom Widening project is not likely to be funded anytime soon if we wait for the individual trust fund to collect enough money. We would then lose the opportunity to leverage fee program revenue during a time of historically low prices. Utilizing a portion (approximately \$7.7M) of the existing non Granite Bay fund balance to construct the north phase of the project now, will provide the public the benefits of this project much sooner.

DPW is requesting that the Board authorize the use of up to \$7.7M in Countywide Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program overall fund balance to fund the north phase of the Auburn-Folsom Widening Project which will be combined with other available funds. As SPRTA funds are reimbursed to the County from SPRTA, these funds would pay back the transfer to the County's TIF Program at no interest. The overall TIF program will not earn interest on the money used to construct the north phase, but the County and its citizens will gain the benefits from the project now, create jobs and most likely pay less money now than in the future after inflation increases project costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Board of Supervisors certified and approved the Final Environmental Impact Report with findings on June 22, 2004. The Bureau of Reclamation approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) in January 2005. A Notice of Determination was filed on June 22, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

The north phase of the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening is estimated to cost \$7,700,000. Approximately \$500,000 of this cost will be reimbursed by San Juan Water District for replacement of their water line. The project is currently proposed to be funded 100% by SPRTA Traffic Impact Fee Funds which are currently not available.

Attachments:

Resolution

Attachment A – Existing Trust Fund Balances

Location map

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

In the matter of : A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING UP TO \$7,700,000 IN
COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE FUND
BALANCE BE UTILIZED FOR THE NORTH
PHASE OF THE AUBURN-FOLSOM ROAD
WIDENING 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

Chair, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the North Phase of the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project ("Project") is a priority transportation project for the County of Placer and is substantially ready to be constructed;

WHEREAS, the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA) has programmed \$8,000,000 in future revenue to the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project.

WHEREAS, the County has created a Countywide traffic impact fee program pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000 et seq to help fund improvements identified in the County's Capital Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, the Project is identified in the County's Capital Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 66006(b)(1)(G) allows for interfund transfers between funds in a development fee program.

WHEREAS, Placer County Code Section 15.28.030(D) allows the Board of Supervisors to approve use of funds for an improvement project beyond the amounts shown in the County's Capital Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that:

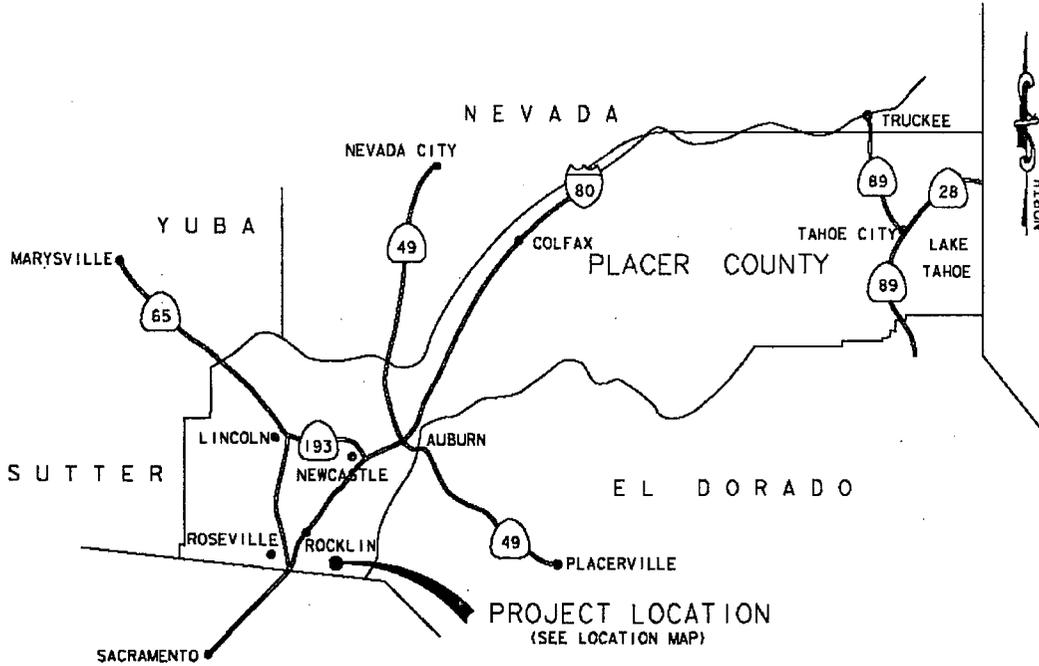
1. The Director of Public Works is authorized to transfer up to Seven Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,700,000.00) within the Countywide Traffic Impact Fee Program fund balance for use on the North Phase of the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project.
2. The Granite Bay District of the Traffic Impact Fee Program will repay the amount transferred, without interest, back to the Countywide Traffic Impact Fee Program for the benefit of the districts contained therein, as funds are collected within the fee district and reimbursements for the project are made from SPRTA.
3. The Director of Public Works will report back annually to the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor-Controller on the status of repayment and is further authorized to transfer funding back to the Countywide Traffic Impact Fee Program fund balance as revenues are received by the Granite Bay District.
4. The Director of Public Works is authorized to take such other actions and execute such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intents of this Resolution.

**Current Trust Fund Balances
(as of 12/31/11)**

Trust Fund	Fund #	Cash Balance
Placer West	363690	\$181,273
Dry Creek	36318	\$3,554,386
Sunset Industrial	363740	\$11,972,313
Placer Central	363730	\$1,260,844
Granite Bay	363750	\$702,312
Newcastle/Penryn/HSB	363720	\$2,875,091
Auburn/Bowman	36325	\$556,337
Lincoln Way/Bowman	35993	\$173,346
Meadow Vista	363710	\$1,080,462
Foresthill	363700	\$170,545
Placer East	363680	\$1,945,241
Squaw Valley	35995	\$118,945
Tahoe Resorts	363760	\$9,174,153
Martis Valley	360395	\$786,546
Baseline/Walerga Fee	363650	\$2,674,454
TOTAL		\$37,226,248

AUBURN FOLSOM ROAD WIDENING, NORTH PHASE

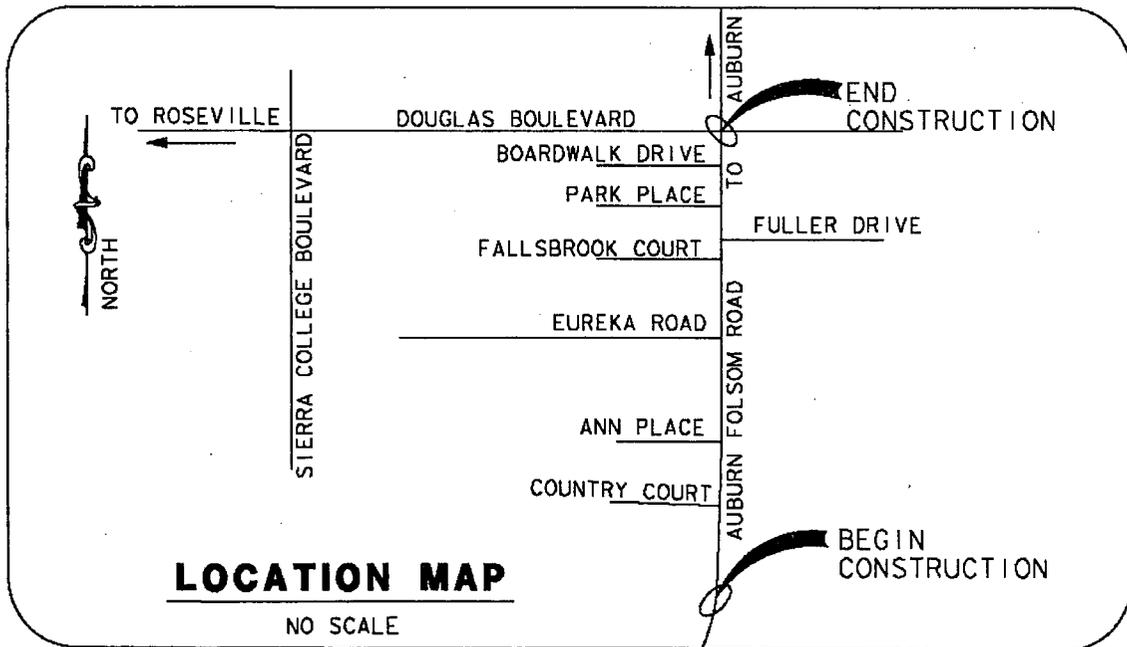
PROJECT LOCATION MAP



SACRAMENTO

VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE



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