

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: KEN GREHM / KEVIN ORDWAY
SUBJECT: FORESTHILL ROAD LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE PROJECT
AND FORESTHILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DATE: April 24, 2012

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the project plans and specifications, authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign the cover sheet, and authorize the Department of Public Works to advertise for bids for the Foresthill Road Lower Lake Clementine Project and Foresthill Road Safety Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works is proposing to improve Foresthill Road by combining two federally funded projects into one construction contract to maximize construction and management efficiencies. The proposed project is located on Foresthill Road, approximately 3.2 miles east of the intersection of Interstate 80 and the Auburn Ravine-Foresthill exit in Placer County, California. See Location Map.

DPW, in conjunction with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to excavate a hill immediately east of the intersection of Foresthill Road and Old Auburn Foresthill Road, and construct a mechanically stabilized earthen retaining wall 1,000 feet to the east of the intersection; these improvements will allow the County to realign the horizontal geometry (smooth out the curves), improve sight distance, and reconstruct this segment of Foresthill Road to improve roadway safety. The curves within the project area have a high accident history, substandard geometry, and poor sight visibility which qualified this project for federal road safety improvement grant funding. The primary goal of the project is to increase public safety by improving the geometry within this segment of Foresthill Road.

Long-term local traffic patterns would not be altered; however, temporary lane closures or detours may be required during construction. Construction is proposed to commence in the summer of 2012.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Board of Supervisors certified and approved the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) with the required findings and mitigations under CEQA on January 24, 2012. A Notice of Determination was filed on January 25, 2012. The project was granted a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA on January 26, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost of the Foresthill Road Lower Lake Clementine Project and Foresthill Road Safety Improvement Project is approximately \$2,500,000. This project is primarily funded through two separate federal grants administered by Caltrans, including the High Risk Rural Road funding program (\$900,000) and the Highway Safety Improvement Program funding (\$900,000). Federal project grant funds are matched by California State Proposition 1B (Transportation Bond Program) funds, Traffic Impact Fees, and other local funds. Funding for the project is included in the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budget.

Attachments: Resolution
Location Map

A copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate is on File with the Clerk of the Board.

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE COVER SHEET OF THE PLANS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO CONSTRUCT THE FORESTHILL ROAD LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE PROJECT AND FORESTHILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Contract No. 1127.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that the Board approves the project plans and specifications for use in bidding and construction of the project; authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the cover sheet of the plans; and authorizes the Department of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Foresthill Road Lower Lake Clementine Project and Foresthill Road Safety Improvement Project, Contract No. 1127.

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LOCATION MAP



