

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DATE: September 23, 2008

FROM: <sup>W</sup>KEN GREHM/PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: **KINGS BEACH COMMERCIAL CORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - ADOPT THE FINAL FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND APPROVE A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT**

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## ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board:

- 1) Adopt the final findings of fact and statement of overriding considerations for the modified alternative 2/hybrid alternative; and
- 2) Approve a community plan amendment recognizing State Route 28 as a 3-lane facility through Kings Beach.

## BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project (CCIP) is proposing to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, water quality improvements and other pedestrian enhancements to revitalize the commercial corridor on State Route 28 from State Route 267 to Chipmunk Street. Off-street parking lots will be constructed to mitigate for the loss of parking associated with the other proposed improvements. The majority of improvements will be constructed along the state highway and the County has agreed to sponsor and lead the project delivery effort.

The purpose of the project is to

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety; and
- Improve water quality; and
- Improve aesthetics of the commercial core.

Your Board conducted a public hearing on the project on July 22, 2008. At this hearing your Board heard presentations on the project alternatives, took public testimony and deliberated on the information provided. Your Board then voted 5-0 to certify the environmental impact report (EIR) and voted 4-1 to approve a community plan amendment and approve the 3-lane hybrid alternative and return to the Board with final Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations based on the proceedings of July 22, 2008.

Staff was also directed to explore the possibility of adding pedestrian signals on State Route 28 at Coon and Bear Streets. A preliminary traffic analysis of adding a pedestrian signal shows a further reduction in capacity of the highway at current pedestrian volumes. Current pedestrian numbers do not support the installation of a signal although, with our hope that pedestrians volumes will increase in Kings Beach, a pedestrian signal may become warranted in the future. Public Works recommends that the underground infrastructure for pedestrian signals be placed as part of the project to facilitate a possible future installation of a pedestrian signal. Installing this underground infrastructure will not physically change the environment. Installation of a pedestrian signal was not studied in the environmental document and could

not be added without modifying the analysis (traffic and aesthetics) and returning to Caltrans and TRPA for concurrence.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board reconsidered their denial of the 3-lane project on July 23, 2008 and voted to reconsider approval of the 3-lane hybrid alternative at a future date. The TRPA Governing Board specifically asked for additional information on the proposed traffic calming program (including funding) for the adjacent residential streets, proposed parking replacement program and additional clarification on traffic forecasting performed for the project. Public Works expects to have TRPA consider the project at its November meeting.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Your Board certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on July 22, 2008. A Notice of Determination will be filed for the project after the Board approves the Final Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The project is estimated to cost in excess of \$45,000,000. A wide range of partners has been assembled to help deliver and fund the project, including federal, state and local funding. Approximately \$28,000,000 in funding has been secured. Additional funding will need to be identified prior to construction.

#### Attachment:

- Resolution containing Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Resolution containing Community Plan Amendment