

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: December 9, 2008

FROM: KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE TAHOE CITY TRANSIT CENTER

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## ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution endorsing the application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Tahoe City Transit Center project. If successful, the program would provide up to \$350,000 in eligible costs associated with construction of the project.

## BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Tahoe City Community Plan (approved in 1994) and the Regional Transportation Plan/Air Quality Plan (RTP/AQP), two key planning documents that focus on local and regional land use and transportation issues, have identified the need for an inter-modal transit center. Work has been ongoing and construction is planned for the summer of 2009.

The Tahoe City Transit Center is located in the unincorporated community of Tahoe City immediately west of State Highway 89 (SR89) and just south of the intersection of State Highway 28 (SR28) and SR89. Specifically, the project is located in the northwest portion of a United States Forest Service parcel referred to as the 64-Acre Tract.

The proposed project consists of an intermodal transit center and associated parking facilities for public use and includes: (1) parking for six buses at one time; (2) 130 parking spaces for transit and other uses; (3) seating/waiting space for a maximum of 100 persons; (4) an enclosed structure for transit patrons, which will include a heated waiting space with bench seating for 40 people and changeable interpretive/tourist displays; (5) public restrooms, which will be accessible during all hours of transit operation; (6) an office to provide ticket sales, information and other transit functions; (7) storage, mechanical and equipment rooms; (8) outside covered walkways and waiting areas; (9) bicycle lockers, to encourage intermodal use; and (10) racks for temporary storage of skis and snowboards.

The EEMP application is proposed to support mitigations above the required to improve the environment in the vicinity of the Tahoe City Transit Center. If the application is successful, an agreement will be developed with Caltrans to be reimbursed for eligible costs up to \$350,000.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is the filing of a grant application and is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15060 of the Guidelines. However, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved the Environmental Impact Report, a statement of findings, and Conditional Use Permit No. 2657 for the project on January 24, 2006.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the County at this time. The EEMP funds are applied for on a competitive basis with allocations up to \$10 million annually statewide. Applicants are strongly encouraged to limit application requests to \$350,000. Matching funds are not required for this program. There are no fiscal impacts to the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget for this application.

Attachments: Resolution

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE TAHOE CITY TRANSIT CENTER AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT

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.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted Assembly Bill 471 (Chapter 105, Statutes of 1989) which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of ten years for grant funds to local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

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WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval and application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project.

WHEREAS, County pursuing Tahoe City Transit Center which will coordinate transit operations within the area, support passenger convenience, provide parking facilities, reduce dependency on the private vehicle and alleviate traffic congestion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance for The Tahoe City Transit Center Project.
2. Certifies that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operations and maintenance of the project.
3. Appoints the Director of Public Works, or his designee, as agent of Placer County to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

