

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: April 21, 2009
FROM: KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ
SUBJECT: TAHOE CITY TRANSIT CENTER, CONTRACT NO. 1070

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve the project plans and specifications for use in bidding and construction of the Tahoe City Transit Center and authorize the Department to advertise for bids.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Tahoe City Transit Center (TCTC) will be located on the United States Forest Service (USFS) 64-Acre Tract, located south of the Tahoe City Wye, west of State Route (SR) 89.

The proposed project consists of an intermodal transit center, associated parking facilities for public use, bicycle paths to promote intermodal use, relocation of the River Access Road to provide a unified intersection with the future USFS Lake of the Sky Interpretive Center, and improvements along SR 89. The TCTC will include: (a) parking for six buses at one time; (b) 130 parking spaces for transit and other uses; (c) seating/waiting space for a maximum of 100 persons; (d) an enclosed structure for transit patrons, which will include a heated waiting space with bench seating for 40 people and changeable interpretive/tourist displays; (e) public restrooms, which will be accessible during all hours of transit operation; (f) an office to provide ticket sales, information, and other transit functions; (g) storage, mechanical, and equipment rooms; (h) outside covered walkways and waiting areas; (i) bicycle lockers and racks to encourage intermodal use; and (j) racks for temporary storage of skis and snowboards.

The project is identified in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) as Project EIP No. 856, the basis for which is to improve air quality and protect Lake Tahoe's famed water quality. The project is also consistent with the following adopted plans, including, but not limited to the:

- Placer County TART Systems Plan (2005);
- TRPA's Lake Tahoe Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP);
- Placer County Regional Bikeway Plan;
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Regional Plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin;
- Tahoe City Community Plan;
- Regional Transit Plan of the Tahoe Transportation District;
- USFS Land & Resources Management Plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit;
- North Lake Tahoe Redevelopment Plan (1995);
- Tahoe City Strategic Plan for Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction (2000);
- Tahoe City Public Parking Facilities Construction Development Program (2003);
- Environmental studies conducted for the Lakeside Bicycle Trail Project;
- North Lake Tahoe Tourism and Community Investment Master Plan (2004);
- Highway 89/Fanny Bridge Alternatives Traffic Study; and
- Highway 89/Fanny Bridge Transportation Planning Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The County prepared a joint Environmental Impact Report/Statement/Statement (EIR/EIS/EIS) with the TRPA and the USFS in 2000 (draft completed in May; final completed in August). The Board of Supervisors directed staff to study additional site alternatives, for which the County prepared a Recirculated EIR in 2005 (draft in June; final in September). The Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR on January 24, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated to be \$8,859,077 with construction costs estimated at \$6,983,000. The project has secured funding for \$5,938,808 through grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Bus Fund, Proposition 1(B), FTA Alternative Transportation in Public Parks and Lands (ATPPL), Placer County Redevelopment Agency, Placer County Traffic Mitigation Fees, California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC), and North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA).

Additional funding that is in the process of being secured is through Federal Infrastructure Stimulus funds (\$1.8 million); the California Transportation Commission State-Local Partnership Program (\$226,000); Placer County Clean Air Grant (\$210,000); and FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit (\$75,688). With these funds in process, the project is fully funded at \$8,859,077 but will not be advertised until final agreements are in place. Present approval of plans and specifications and authorization of the Department to advertise for bids is integral for timely use of Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Funds. Funding for the construction of this project is included in the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Fiscal Years Budgets.

Attachments:
Location Map

Plans and specifications are on file with the Clerk of the Board's Office.

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TAHOE CITY
TRANSIT CENTER
VICINITY MAP

VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP



