

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
Submitted by: Jennifer Merchant, Principal Management Analyst

**DATE:** November 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** North Lake Tahoe Resort Association's proposed expenditure of budgeted infrastructure funds for the Lakeside Multipurpose Trail (\$1,075,503)

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**Action Requested**

Approve the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association's proposed expenditure of \$1,075,503 in budgeted Infrastructure Account funds for construction of Phases V, VI and VII to complete the for the Lakeside Multipurpose Trail.

**Background**

Placer County has entered into an annual agreement with the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association to provide transportation and infrastructure project development and tourism marketing and visitor information services. The agreement is funded with general fund Transient Occupancy Tax dollars and requires Board of Supervisors approval prior to expenditure from the infrastructure portion of the agreement budget.

The Resort Association's Infrastructure Committee and Board of Directors have voted to recommend that the County Executive Office carry forward the following project for approval by your Board. In doing so, they affirm that the project is consistent with the Resort Association's Tourism and Community Investment Master Plan, which was approved by your Board in July 2004. Therefore, the following NLTRA infrastructure expenditure is being recommended by the County Executive Office for approval.

**Brief Project Description / Funding Request:**

**Phases V, VI, and VII of the Lakeside Multipurpose Trail:**

The recommended Infrastructure Fund expenditure will help to fund construction of the final phases of the Lakeside Multipurpose Trail in Tahoe City, including paved and boardwalk trail sections, ADA access, benches, seat walls, bike racks, interpretive signage, lighting, stormwater drainage and scenic overlooks. This section of trail will connect this 1.1 mile "missing link" with the TCPUD's overall 19 mile trail system, I.15

of which comprise the Lakeside Trail. This project is expected to take about 18 months to complete, commencing in spring 2010 and will be finished in fall 2011.

The project cost for the entire Lakeside Multipurpose Trail is about \$14 million, including sections that have already been completed. This section is estimated to cost \$4.3 million. The \$3.2 million balance of funding for Phases V, VI, and VII will be funded by the California Tahoe Conservancy. If granted, TOT funding of this project will represent 25 percent of this phase and 14 percent of the total project. Other Placer County funding, including Redevelopment Agency, Park Dedication Fees, Air Quality and Traffic Mitigation Fees have also been allocated to completed project components. Other funding sources have included state bond funding, Caltrans, TCPUD property taxes, and other federal and private sources.

**Fiscal Impact:** The funding described above would come from Transient Occupancy Tax funds currently held for the purpose of Tahoe area capital project implementation in the County Treasury. There are sufficient funds available within this fund to cover the amount of the requested expenditure approval.

**Environmental Analysis:** The project being funded has been reviewed through an Environmental Impact Report/Environment Impact Statement pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Protection Act. The final EIR/EIS was approved the public agency constructing the project, the Tahoe City Public Utility District, on May 22, 1998. At this time there is no indication that there are any circumstances related to the project that have triggered the need for subsequent review under 15162 of the CEQA guidelines, therefore the Board of Supervisors find that environmental review for this project is complete.

**Recommendation:** Approve the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association's proposed expenditure of \$1,075,503 for construction of Phases V, VI and VII to complete the Lakeside Multipurpose Trail.

The recommended project represents the cooperation of multiple agencies and funding partners and the expenditure has the potential to lead to significant improvements to the tourism infrastructure at North Lake Tahoe. The project recommended for funding is consistent with goals in the Resort Association's Tourism & Community Investment Master Plan.