

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: November 4, 2014

FROM: KEN GREHM / RICHARD MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM -
PROPOSED PROJECTS

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the submittal of the Placer County request for candidate projects for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) in the total amount of \$3,280,128 for a Replacement Bus (\$450,000), Cook Riolo Road Pathway (\$1,000,000), Martis Valley Trail (\$1,000,000) and the Truckee River Trail (\$830,128). There is no net County cost.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) is a Federal program to provide funding to improve air quality in the region. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) administers the program with project proposals from the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA). The fair share of these funds, determined by population, for the unincorporated County area is \$3,280,128 for the next 3-year (FY 2017-19) program cycle. All projects and programs must comply with the Federal guidelines for this funding source.

A committee was formed of appropriate County departments and a call for projects was sent out. The listing of proposed projects is as follows:

- 1) **Replacement Buses** – Purchase of one (1) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus to replace an older vehicle currently in use by Placer County Transit (PCT). The new CNG bus will be used in PCT's directly operated fixed route service over a period of 10 to 12 years. The total replacement cost is currently estimated at \$525,000. CMAQ Funds - \$450,000. (Sponsor – DPW Transit)
- 2) **Cook Riolo Road Pathway** – This project would construct a pedestrian pathway along Cook Riolo Road from Creekview Middle School to Baseline Road. This section of Cook Riolo Road is a typical two lane County road with 11 ft travel lanes, unpaved shoulders and drainage ditches. Pedestrian safety is critical in this area primarily due to the middle school, but the pathway would also be utilized by residents accessing the Dry Creek Greenway. The total project cost is currently estimated at \$2,080,857. CMAQ Funds - \$1,000,000. (Sponsor – Public Works)
- 3) **Martis Valley Trail** – The Martis Valley Trail is a proposed Class I trail which will link Northstar with the Truckee Legacy Trail and the Town of Truckee and, ultimately, provide a pathway to the Tahoe Basin. The CMAQ funding will be used towards a future phase of the overall project, which will construct approximately 10,000 ft. of trail between the Northstar Roundabout and the southerly border of the Army Corp of Engineer's property. The current project cost is estimated at \$17 million. CMAQ Funds - \$1,000,000. (Sponsor – Facility Services)
- 4) **Truckee River Trail** – An overall potential trail alignment stretching from Squaw Valley Road to the Truckee town limits has generally been identified in the Truckee River Corridor Access Plan. The CMAQ funding would be used to continue environmental clearance and begin right-of-way acquisition for this project. The current project cost is estimated at \$24 million. CMAQ Funds - \$830,128. (Sponsor – CDRA)

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ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is limited to a request for funding from the Federal government, and as such, is not considered a project under Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code. Projects that will use any awarded funds will require environmental review.

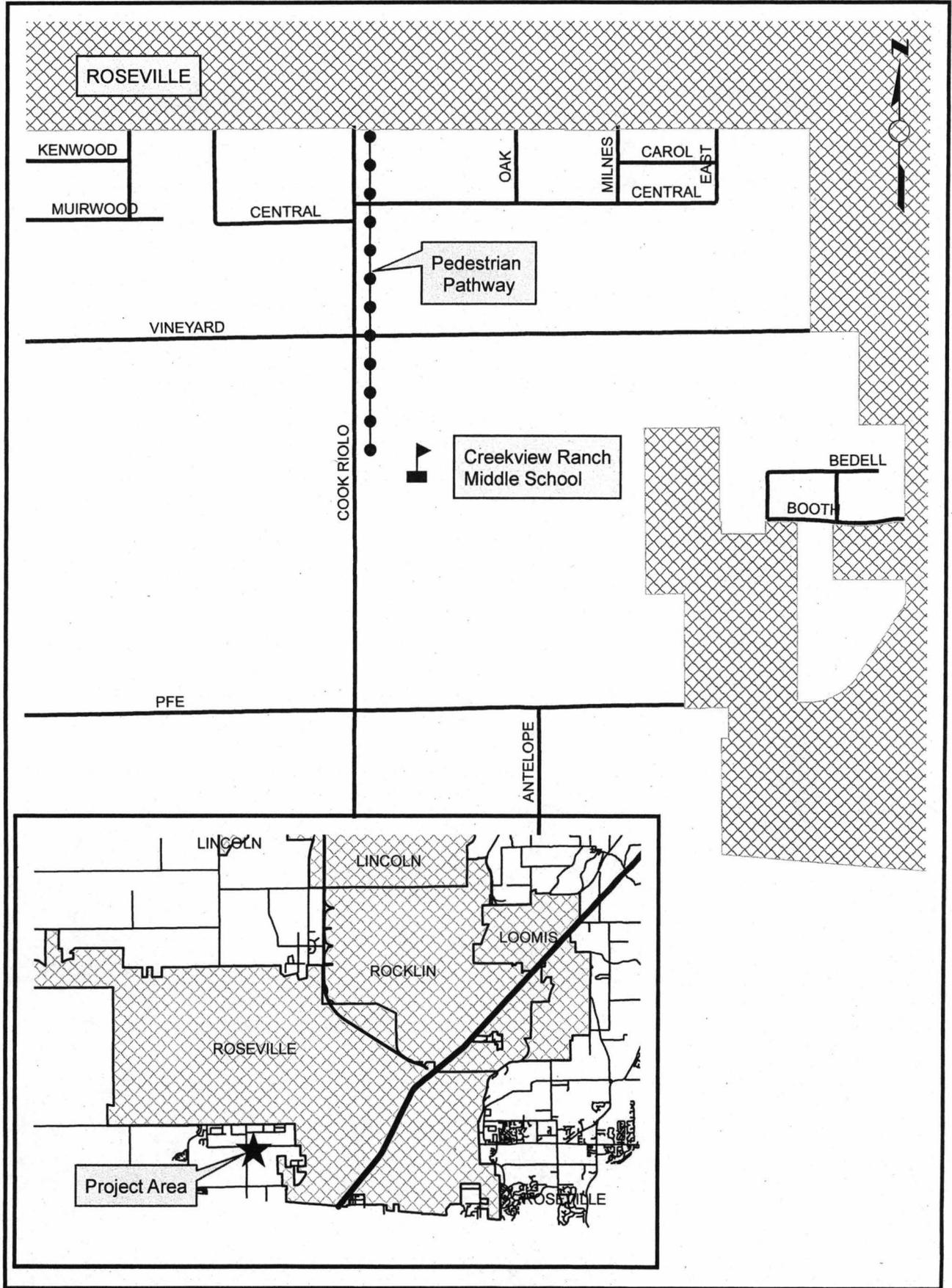
FISCAL IMPACT

Specific matching fund sources may vary by project and may include: Road funds, Traffic Mitigation Fees or other local, State or Federal grants and funds. Matching funds will be identified prior to the start of each project.

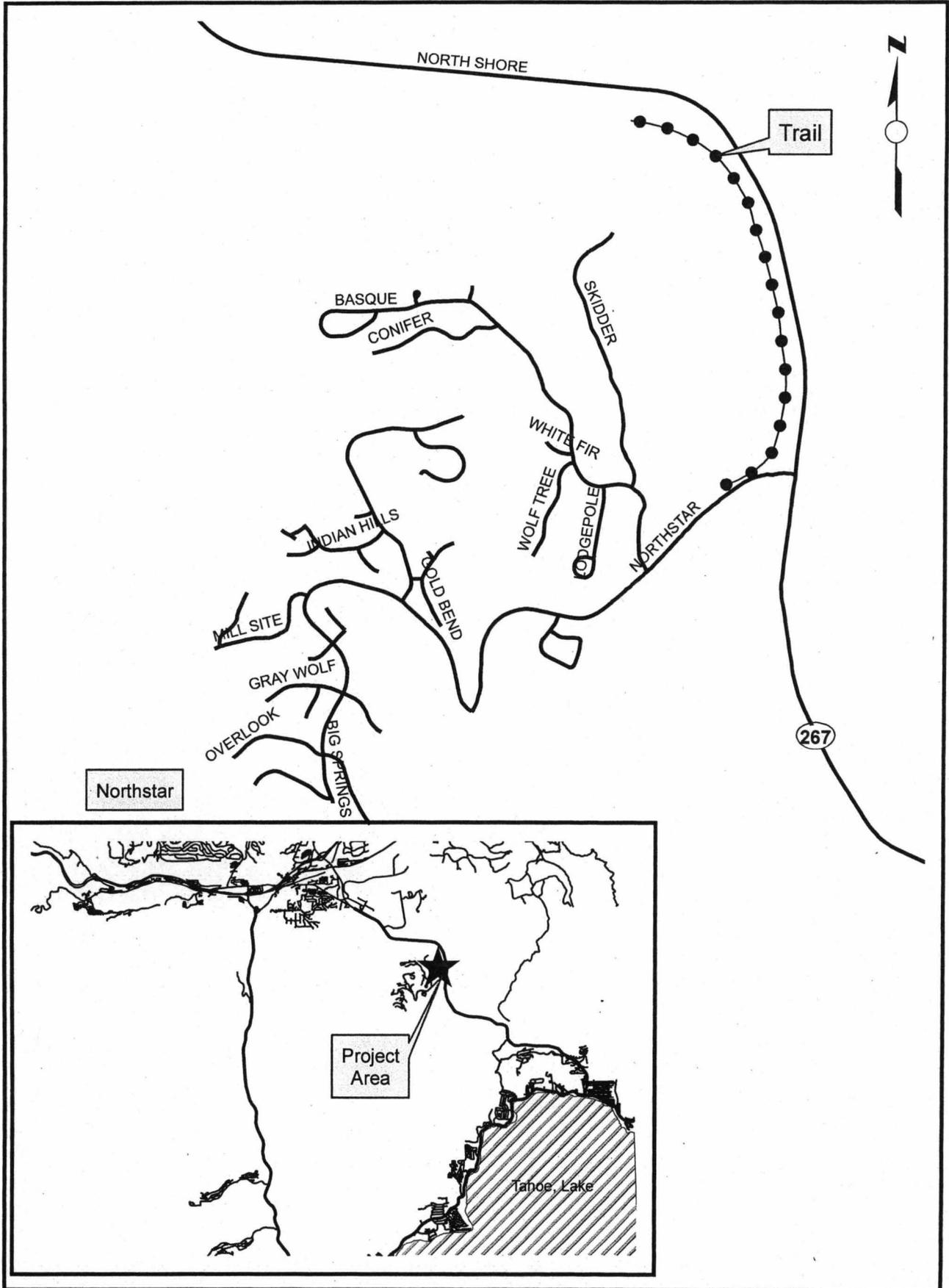
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Location Map: Cook Riolo Road Pathway



Location Map: Martis Valley Trail



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Location Map: Truckee River Trail

