

Placer County Economic Development Board

Transportation Infrastructure

PCTPA Priority Projects

November 2, 2016

As a civic body serving Placer County, comprised of local elected officials and private sector representatives, with a sole focus on economic competitiveness, the Placer County Economic Development Board (PCEDB) is uniquely positioned to consider significant issues that impact the economic future of Placer County.

Quality transportation infrastructure, which provides for the movement of commerce and individuals, is a fundamental and critical component of any community's economic competitiveness.

Placer County's transportation infrastructure includes municipal, county, state and federal facilities that intersect, interact and are interconnected. Appropriate funding and coordination across jurisdictional interests is important for the county's transportation system to function effectively.

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) is a joint powers authority comprised of the county, cities and towns to plan and fund transportation improvements in partnership with state and federal agencies.

PCTPA, in partnership with its member jurisdictions, has identified a set of priority projects it believes are essential to easing traffic congestion, facilitating the movement of goods and services, improving air quality and providing transportation alternatives to Placer County residents.

The Placer County Economic Development Board has reviewed the following projects and has identified related economic development benefits to Placer County and its municipalities.

At a special meeting on Thursday, October 27, each PCEDB member present discussed their individual position in regards to the attached PCTPA project and benefit spreadsheet. These discussions resulted in strong support for the PCTPA priority projects and further summarized benefits as outlined below.

PCEDB Board Members present at October 27, 2016 Special Meeting

David Butler, Rocklin City Council (Chair)

Veronica R. Blake, Placer Community Foundation (Vice Chair)

Dr. Lyndell Grey (Agriculture)

Matt Spokely, Auburn City Council

Kim Douglass, Colfax City Council

Paul Joiner, Lincoln City Council

Miguel Ucovich, Loomis Town Council

Joseph Glenn, Consolidated Communications (Utility)

Patrick Brady, Sutter Health (Healthcare)

Mora Rowe, Placer (Tourism)

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Project	Benefit
Redesign I-80/Hwy 65 interchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ease traffic congestion and improve commutes • Better position Hwy 65 Corridor as destination for employment and retail • Improve visitors' access to foothill communities and Lake Tahoe
Widen Hwy 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ease congestion and improve commutes • Better position Hwy 65 Corridor as destination for employment and retail; • Improve access to regional shopping destinations • Improve access to key industrial areas: West Roseville. Sunset Industrial Center, Atherton Business Park; Lincoln Regional Airport/Business Park • Enhance stature of Wm. Jessup University as destination campus • Expedite access to critical healthcare services
Hwy 49 Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better position Hwy 49 as shopping and employment center to benefit Auburn and Placer County • Improve access to Auburn Airport/Business Park • Public safety, bicycle and pedestrian improvements to improve access to businesses, public facilities • Hardscape and landscape improvements to enhance aesthetics, position as destination for retail and employment
I-80 expansion (auxiliary lane project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve commutes for foothill residents • Improve visitors' access to foothill communities and Lake Tahoe • Enhance access to Sierra College campus • Improve goods movement to national markets
Placer Parkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide commuter, goods movement access to Hwy 99 and Sacramento International airport • Facilitate completion of university projects west of Hwy 65 • Provide alternate access to and from Sacramento/Bay Area
Upgrade Hwy 65/Nelson Rd interchange in Lincoln	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to and enhance economic viability of Lincoln Regional Airport/Business Park for executive aviation and goods movement
I-80 interchange improvements at Rocklin Rd., Horseshoe Bar, SR 174	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to employers, enhance goods movement, improve public safety in Rocklin, Loomis and Colfax
Additional capacity on Capitol Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve commute options to Sacramento, Davis and Bay Area • Ease traffic congestion on I-80 • Expand tourism/visitors from the Bay Area
Misc. Bike and Pedestrian Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance commute options, bicycle safety • Attract additional bicycle/recreation tourism
Tahoe Basin improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further enhance North Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City as statewide, national and international tourist destinations • Improve transit, trails, snow removal and road maintenance, benefitting residents and visitors alike

Local Road Improvement, Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance neighborhoods, community development and quality of life • Reduce cost of vehicle repair to residents and businesses • Improve access to healthcare facilities, employment centers • Enhance economy, quality of life in the county's rural communities
Transit investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional commute options • Improve senior and disabled access to employment, shopping and medical services

Recommendations for future projects (if funds are available)

Improvements/widening of I-80 between Rocklin and Auburn
 Construction of truck climbing lane on I-80