

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: October 22, 2007
FROM: KEN GREHM/PETER KRAATZ
SUBJECT: **KINGS BEACH COMMERCIAL CORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PROJECT UPDATE**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Update for the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Project, including environmental document preparation, alternative selection and schedule.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project (CCIP) is proposing to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, water quality improvements and other pedestrian enhancements to revitalize the commercial corridor on State Route 28 from State Route 267 to Chipmunk Street. Off-street parking lots will be constructed to mitigate for the loss of parking associated with the other proposed improvements. The majority of improvements will be constructed along the state highway and the County has agreed to sponsor and lead the project delivery effort.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared and the final comment period for TRPA closed on June 18, 2007. Staff has prepared responses to the many comments received on the environmental document that are currently being reviewed by Caltrans. The Final EIR/EA/EIS is scheduled to be completed and brought to your Board for approval as soon as all Agencies have reviewed and approved the document for release.

The environmental document is analyzing three (3) different alternatives in addition to the no project alternative. The basic difference in the alternatives is whether the Highway will have two traffic lanes in each direction with traffic signals or one lane in each direction with roundabouts. The County retained the services of the Sierra Business Council (SBC) to conduct a public outreach program to share information and help the community develop an alternative that could be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

Detailed project design and right-of-way acquisition will commence upon approval of the environmental document with construction estimated to begin in 2009 (assuming funding is available). Construction may take three construction seasons, because of the short Tahoe construction season and need to stage construction to minimize business impacts. Staff will work with the community to develop a construction staging plan that minimizes impacts to the community

ENVIRONMENTAL

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the TRPA Code of Ordinances. The EIR/EA/EIS is expected to be submitted to your Board for consideration after all Agencies have approved the release of the final document.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project is estimated to cost in excess of \$30,000,000 depending on the project alternative chosen. A wide range of partners has been assembled to help deliver and fund the project, including federal, state and local funding. Approximately \$24,000,000 in funding has been secured. Additional funding will need to be identified prior to construction.