



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ENGINEERING DIVISION**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: June 9, 2020  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works  
By: Matt Randall, Senior Civil Engineer  
SUBJECT: Engineering / Delegate Authority for Funding Exchange Agreement / Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment - Bridge Needs

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an agreement with the County Engineers Association of California whereby Placer County will provide up to \$150,000 of in lieu funds to support the 2020 Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, contingent upon the obligation of an equivalent amount of Federal Highway Bridge Program funds from the State of California through federal-aid project TCSP-E2CA (018), the Bridge Replacement Project on Walerga Road at Dry Creek.

Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to take all steps necessary to execute the agreement.

**BACKGROUND**

The California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment ("Needs Assessment") has been conducted every other year since 2008 and is a collaborative effort by the California State Association of Counties ("CSAC"), the League of California Cities, and the County Engineers Association of California ("CEAC"). The Needs Assessment provides a comprehensive and systematic assessment of pavement, bridge, and non-pavement transportation needs of the city street and county road system in California and is a valuable resource for policymakers and the public when allocating transportation revenues.

On August 22, 2019, the Local Highway Bridge Program Advisory Committee voted to direct Caltrans to obligate \$150,000 of Federal Highway Bridge Program ("HBP") funds for the purpose of developing the bridge portion of the Needs Assessment. Because HBP funds cannot readily be transferred to a non-governmental organization to be used for the Needs Assessment, Caltrans will provide HBP funds to federal-aid project TCSP-E2CA (018), the Bridge Replacement Project on Walerga Road at Dry Creek, and the County will forward an equivalent amount of in lieu funds to CEAC for the Needs Assessment. This action will not impact current projects.

This action supports Public Infrastructure and Amenities, a critical success factor in the Countywide Strategic Plan, because the Needs Assessments will be used to enhance ongoing discussions at the State level regarding the needs of the local street and road system and the additional funding required for those needs. With additional State resources, the Department of Public Works will be able to address more local transportation needs that will result in an increase in the quality of life for residents of Placer County.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The requested action is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and it is therefore not a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no net cost to the County. The County will receive \$150,000 of HBP funds for project PJ00480, Bridge Replacement Project on Walerga Road at Dry Creek, and will issue an equivalent amount to CEAC from the same account.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Draft Funding Exchange Agreement

## FUNDING EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the County Engineers Association of California (hereinafter referred to as CEAC), and the County of Placer, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY):

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, CEAC will serve as the lead agency for the development and preparation of the 2020 Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study (hereinafter referred to as STUDY); and

WHEREAS, STUDY is of general interest to COUNTY and CEAC; and

WHEREAS, COST OF STUDY (as defined herein below) includes the costs of the consultant contract to perform STUDY and costs to administer STUDY; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Bridge Program Advisory Committee (HBPAC) is comprised of representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the California League of Cities, the California Council of Governments (CALCOG), and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) who voted unanimously on August 22, 2019 to direct Caltrans to obligate \$150,000 of federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds for the purpose of developing the bridge portion of the STUDY (Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, HBP funds cannot readily be used for the STUDY; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) proposes to provide one hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$150,000) in HBP funds to federal-aid project TCSP-E2CA (018) (Walerga Road at Dry Creek Bridge Replacement, herein after referred to as PROJECT) as directed by the HBPAC, to the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, local in-lieu fees have been obligated to the PROJECT for the purpose of constructing PROJECT elements; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY, upon receipt of HBP funds from CALTRANS and execution of this agreement, will provide an equivalent amount of in-lieu fees up to one hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to CEAC to finance the bridge portion of the STUDY;

WHEREAS, the Federal HBP funds to be received by COUNTY will be used construct PROJECT elements that would have otherwise been financed with local in-lieu fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived by CEAC and COUNTY and of the promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

(1) DEFINITIONS:

The "COST OF STUDY," as referred to in this AGREEMENT, shall include the cost of the consultant contract, consisting of the total of all payments to the consultant for STUDY, issuance of Request For Proposals (RFP), consultant contract administration, and all other work necessary to complete STUDY.

(2) COUNTY AGREES:

- a. Upon execution of this AGREEMENT and obligation of HBP funds through CALTRANS, to deposit with CEAC an amount of funding equal to the amount of HBP funds received from CALTRANS, up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).
- b. CALTRANS HBP funds received by the COUNTY will replace an equivalent amount of in lieu funds for the PROJECT and will only be used on the PROJECT.

(3) CEAC AGREES:

- a. Funds received from the COUNTY under this AGREEMENT will only be used for the COST OF STUDY and for no other purpose.

(4) IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- a. COUNTY is not responsible for administering or completing any portion of the STUDY by virtue of this AGREEMENT.
- b. This AGREEMENT may be amended or modified only by mutual written consent of COUNTY and CEAC.
- c. Any correspondence, communication, or contact concerning this AGREEMENT shall be directed to the following:

CEAC: Mr. Rick Tippet, President  
County Engineers Association of California  
Sacramento County Department of Transportation  
906 G Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

COUNTY: Mr. Ken Grehm  
Director of Public Works  
County of Placer  
Department of Public Works  
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 220  
Auburn, CA 95603

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their respective officers, duly authorized, as shown below.

COUNTY OF PLACER  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Grehm  
Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION  
OF CALIFORNIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Tippett  
President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Tides, Deputy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_