



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

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: July 28, 2020  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works  
By: Peter Kraatz, Assistant Director  
SUBJECT: Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project / Relinquishment Agreement

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution approving a State Highway Relinquishment Agreement, in substantial conformance with the agreement on file, between Placer County and Caltrans whereby Caltrans relinquishes portions of State Route 28 in downtown Kings Beach between post mile 9.2 and 10.3 to Placer County. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute the agreement.

**BACKGROUND**

The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project was completed in 2017 and included various water quality and multimodal mobility improvements along an approximate 1-mile section of downtown Kings Beach primarily along State Route 28. Most of the project improvements were constructed in the Caltrans right of way including curb and gutter, sidewalks, landscaping, public transit shelters, streetscape furniture, and stormwater infrastructure. All improvements and land immediately behind the back of curb to the edge of Caltrans right of way are proposed to be relinquished to Placer County (Exhibit A).

The Relinquishment Agreement specifies the area to be relinquished and responsibilities of both agencies. Department staff concur with all conditions of the proposed relinquishment including key items summarized below:

1. Relinquished facilities are currently in a state of good repair;
2. Execution of agreement constitutes County's waiver of Caltrans' obligation to provide 90 days' prior notice of Caltrans' "Intention to Relinquish" as set forth in Streets and Highways Code Section 73;
3. County accepts ownership of relinquished facilities and following recordation will operate, maintain, and be liable for relinquished facilities at no additional cost to Caltrans; and
4. County accepts relinquished facilities in their current environmental condition and setting, including, but not limited to, the presence of hazardous materials as described in the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment dated June 12, 2020.

The Relinquishment Agreement represents the final milestone in this large public works improvement project. Going back to the 1990s, Placer County, other key agencies, and community members coordinated our efforts to transform downtown Kings Beach with much needed water quality and multimodal improvements. After nearly 20 years of planning, designing, and permitting, construction launched in 2014, and the long-awaited improvements were completed in 2017 requiring a budget of nearly \$50 million dollars. During the planning and design stages, department staff worked closely with Caltrans staff to determine how and what portion of the project improvements would ultimately fall into County ownership. Like many streetscape projects on the State Highway System, local government typically takes on ownership and maintenance of the pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks while Caltrans retains ownership and maintenance of the highway. This proposed relinquishment follows that precedent.

Survey details including maps and related documents of the proposed relinquishment were finalized earlier in 2020. Even though the proposed relinquishment will not take legal effect until County and Caltrans execute the Agreement along with other approval and recordation details, the County has been operating and maintaining said improvements since they were completed. These actions were allowed by right of entry approvals provided by Caltrans prior to construction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The proposed action is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065 and is therefore exempt from environmental review under CEQA. Further, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project complied with required environmental review in accordance with applicable CEQA provisions and subsequent documentation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no net county cost with executing the Relinquishment Agreement and Resolution. The department has maintained the improvements within the proposed relinquished area since completion in 2017 and will continue to do so following relinquishment execution. Funding for maintenance of these facilities is provided in the Kings Beach Benefit Assessment District that the Department programs each year into our fiscal year budget.

**ATTACHMENT**

Resolution  
Relinquishment Map (Exhibit A)

On File with Clerk of the Board: Draft Relinquishment Agreement No. 03-0607

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

**In the matter of:** A Resolution approving a State Highway Relinquishment Agreement, in substantial conformance with the agreement on file, between Placer County and Caltrans for Caltrans to relinquish to County a portion of a State Highway (State Route 28) in Kings Beach within County's jurisdiction and authorizing the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute the agreement.

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held July 28, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board Adopts a Resolution approves a State Highway Relinquishment Agreement between Placer County and Caltrans whereby Caltrans relinquishes portions of State Route 28 in downtown Kings Beach between post mile 9.2 and 10.3 (Exhibit A) to Placer County and authorizes the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute the agreement. Resolution adoption and Agreement execution represents that County agrees with all statements and County responsibilities contained within the Agreement including those summarized below.

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3. County accepts ownership of relinquished facilities and following recordation to thereafter operate, maintain, and be liable for relinquished facilities at no additional cost to Caltrans; and
4. County accepts relinquished facilities in their current environmental condition and setting, including, but not limited to, the presence of hazardous materials as described in the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment dated June 12, 2020.

# RELINQUISHMENT AGREEMENT MAP EXHIBIT "A"

