

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 23, 2006

FROM: KEN GREHM / RICK DONDRO *RWD*

SUBJECT: SUNSET BOULEVARD/STATE ROUTE 65 INTERCHANGE

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and adopt a Resolution approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3814) for the Sunset Boulevard/State Route 65 Interchange and the accompanying Mitigation and Monitoring Plan with the associated findings.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to replace an existing at-grade signalized intersection with a partial cloverleaf interchange, thus removing the last signalized intersection on State Route 65 between Interstate 80 and Lincoln.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project by the Placer County Planning Department on August 25, 2004 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This document was scheduled for Board action on February 8, 2005 at which time the Board was asked by staff to delay any decision due to recently submitted land development proposals. Since that time, design changes have been incorporated. The changes, however, do not alter the conclusions of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration. The Planning Department has concurred with this and has advised that re-circulation of the Negative Declaration is not necessary. See Exhibit A for a summary of interchange designs/changes between 2004 and present.

The interchange project is a jointly funded project with Placer County, the City of Rocklin and the Highway 65 Joint Powers Authority. DPW is working with other funding partners to make up for potential funding shortfalls. The success of finding other funding partners will dictate the approach to designing and delivering the interchange. It is possible that the full interchange could be designed and built in one phase. Alternatively, the interchange could be designed and built with a four lane overcrossing, with the ability to expand to six lanes, add ramp capacity and make main line SR 65 improvements at a later date.

Caltrans is reviewing all phases of project planning and preliminary design. With the completion and approval of the Project Report and Environmental Analysis (PR/EA), the County can proceed to final design and preparation of construction documents. Given the amount of money collected for the interchange and anticipated revenue streams, sufficient funding should be available to start construction in 2008.

ENVIRONMENTAL

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project. DPW requests approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Upon approval, the Notice of Determination will be processed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated at \$22.2 Million based on updated estimates. See Exhibit B for a breakdown of revenue sources. Current available funds are \$14.2 Million.

Attachments: Exhibit A
Exhibit B

A copy of the Negative Declaration & Mitigation & Monitoring Plan are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

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

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION (EIAQ-3814) PREPARED FOR
THE SUNSET BOULEVARD / STATE ROUTE
65 INTERCHANGE**

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____,
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

**Attest:
Clerk of said Board**

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the need to upgrade the intersection of Highway 65 and Sunset Boulevard
to an interchange has been demonstrated by traffic studies, and

WHEREAS, a preliminary design for the project has been prepared by Placer County,
and

WHEREAS, the interchange has been designed to maximize the use of the existing
right of way, and to minimize the need to acquire additional right of way, avoiding
existing structures and parking; and

WHEREAS, the design of the interchange is consistent with the California Department
of Transportation and Placer County standards; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, circulated it as required by law and included all necessary measures to mitigate any significant impacts of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board approves the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration (EIAQ 3814) for the Sunset Boulevard/State Route 65 Interchange Project and makes the following findings:

- 1) The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared as required by law.
- 2) There is not substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the Project as revised and mitigated may have a significant affect on the environment
- 3) The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Placer County, which has exercised overall control and direction of the preparation.
- 4) The Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the project is approved and adopted simultaneously with these findings.
- 5) The custodian of record for the Project is the Placer County Director of Public Works , 11414 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603.

A notice of determination reflecting this action shall be filed as required by law within five (5) days of this date.

Exhibit A

Summary Comparison of State Route 65 / Sunset Boulevard Intersection and Interchange (April 3, 2006)			
	Previous Design Analyzed in Technical Studies and Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration	Current Design	Difference
Design Issues			
Design	<p>Grade-separated interchange.</p> <p>Four-lane overcrossing (interim) and four-lane overcrossing (ultimate) that could accommodate a future six-lane overcrossing if Sunset Boulevard was identified as Placer Parkway.</p> <p>Sunset Boulevard was <u>not</u> identified as Placer Parkway.</p>	<p>Grade-separated interchange.</p> <p>Minor design modifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-lane overcrossing as an interim design (10 year capacity) and six-lane overcrossing as an ultimate design (20 year capacity) • SB slip on-ramp went from two lanes to three lanes 	<p>Ultimate interchange design went from four lanes to six lanes</p> <p>SB slip on-ramp went from two lanes to three lanes</p>
Staged construction	Yes; two stage construction for bridge	No; one stage construction	Reduced impacts to traffic and reduced project cost
Right of way acquisitions	Right of way needed in southwest quadrant—376,750 square feet	Right of way needed in southwest quadrant—386,425 square feet	Additional 9,700 square feet
Retaining walls?	None proposed.	One proposed in southwest quadrant. Estimated height of 8 to 10 feet. Estimated length of 460 feet. Retaining wall needed to minimize impact to existing parking lot and building.	Retaining wall

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Exhibit B

**SUNSET BOULEVARD/STATE ROUTE 65 INTERCHANGE
 FUNDING SUMMARY**

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Source	Total Obligation From "Source"	Current Balance Available
Highway 65 JPA	\$17.7 M	\$8.8 M
Placer Co. – Traffic Fees	\$1.3 M	\$1.3 M
Placer Co. - Redevelopment	\$2.1 M	\$2.1 M
City of Rocklin	\$2.0 M	\$2.0 M
Totals	\$23.1 M	\$14.2 M
Phase One Cost \$ 17.3 M*		
Future Phase \$ 4.9 M		
Total Estimated Ultimate Interchange Cost - \$22.2 M		
Phase One Shortfall Based On Current Available \$ = \$3.1 M		
NOTES:		
* Includes cost of PCWA waterline relocation.		

The proposed phase one construction cost including PCWA waterline relocation and engineering costs is estimated at \$17.3 M.

Current Highway 65 JPA revenues are being generated at \$1.5 M per year. The City of Rocklin and Placer County are exploring other project revenues such as advanced traffic fees by project developers.

