

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: February 20, 2007

FROM: KEN GREHM / RICK DONDRO^{RWD}

SUBJECT: HIGHWAY 65 LINCOLN BYPASS

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve a Resolution authorizing the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to purchase rights-of-way for the Highway 65 Lincoln Bypass prior to approval of a proposed Freeway Agreement.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Highway 65 Lincoln Bypass project will create a new alignment of Highway 65 around the City of Lincoln. It will alleviate congestion and improve safety on Highway 65 throughout Placer County and the City of Lincoln, and provide overall improved traffic flow.

In order for the project to continue moving forward, it is necessary that Caltrans be able to purchase necessary rights-of-way along the highway mainline corridor. The approval of a Freeway Agreement between Caltrans and Placer County would allow the state the authority to purchase rights-of-way within and outside of the mainline corridor; however, the final Freeway Agreement has not yet been approved. Therefore, Caltrans is requesting permission from the County to purchase rights-of-way prior to the Agreement's approval. State Law allows for local government jurisdictions to grant permission to the state to acquire rights-of-way before Freeway Agreements are approved. Public Works staff recommends that the Board approve a Resolution granting authority to Caltrans to pursue the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Caltrans as the lead agency has prepared and received approval of an EIR and EIS for the project on May 25, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is anticipated to be approximately \$320 million. Approximately \$220 million in funding has been secured from Federal, State and local sources, leaving a shortfall of \$100 million. Caltrans, PCTPA, the City of Lincoln and County staff are working diligently to close the funding gap.

Attachment: Resolution

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

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE
HIGHWAY 65 LINCOLN BYPASS PRIOR TO
THE APPROVAL OF A FREEWAY
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
PLACER AND CALTRANS**

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 State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of Placer, pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual, require the approval of a Freeway Agreement prior to the acquisition(s) of necessary rights-of-way for the State Route 65 Bypass; and

WHEREAS, Section 100.21 (b) of the Streets and Highway Code, by resolution, authorizes the purchase of rights-of-way prior to the approval of a Freeway Agreement and the right-of-way acquisition are limited to the mainline corridor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, as follows:

The Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve this Resolution authorizing Caltrans to acquire necessary rights-of-way for the State Route Highway 65 Bypass mainline corridor prior to approval of a Freeway Agreement.