

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DATE: February 24, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM / BOB BLASER

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE TRANSITION PLAN FOR COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADWAYS

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the Transition Plan for County Maintained Roadways.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, along with its implementing regulations, and the California Government Code Sections 4450 et seq. prescribe that facilities shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities. The Federal Highway Administration has reaffirmed that the *Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities* (ADAAG) shall apply to the design of Caltrans facilities (i.e. roadways) under Title II of the ADA, which applies to the operations of State and local governments. Federal Funding can be withheld if agencies do not comply with these regulations.

The goal of the County of Placer Transition Plan for County Maintained Roadways is to describe what has been accomplished to date, and what the ongoing efforts will be to ensure that the County creates accessible paths of travel in the public right of way for people with disabilities

DPW/County has completed much over the years to meet all requirements and regulations. Previous accomplishments include:

- Preparing a Preliminary Transition Plan, approved by the Board in spring of 2008
- Holding a public workshop and creating public complaint process
- Cataloguing all handicap ramps in the County
- Improving existing problem ramps
- Improving signal design standards
- Improving roadway signage and striping markings
- Upgrading new construction design standards to meet changing regulations
- Responding to individual requests to address specific path of travel issues
- Establishing policies for when facilities are retrofitted

DPW will continue to refine the Transition Plan, the capital improvement list, and schedule improvements in conformance with the plan. Many of the 1040 catalogued ramps only need minor changes (i.e. adding truncated domes). It will take over twenty years to fully retrofit all current ramps. DPW will continue to seek grants, and outside funding sources, along with budgeted funds, to complete this work.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The proposed action is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines and as such it is not subject to review under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact associated with the action requested. The development of the Transition Plan is included in this year's operating budget. Future costs will be identified in future budgets and projects.

Attachment: Resolution

A copy of the Transition Plan with
Appendix is on file for viewing with the
Clerk of the Board

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

In the matter of: **ADOPT A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE TRANSITION PLAN FOR
COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADWAYS.**

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 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, along with its implementing regulations, and the California Government Code Sections 4450 et seq. prescribe that facilities shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Title II indicates that a public agency must evaluate its facilities and public areas to determine whether or not they are in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA. Federal Funding can be withheld if agencies do not comply with these regulations; and

WHEREAS, a database has been established cataloging all known ramps and their physical attributes; and

WHEREAS, a capital improvement list has been prepared from this catalog;

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 approves the Transition Plan for County Maintained Roadways.